

Accepted Minutes of Meeting September 21, 2011

Warwick City Hall

In attendance: Richard Whitesell, Edna Kent, Henry Duquette, Lester Hilton, Peggie Malcolm, Alan

Clarke, Evelyn Wheeler, Gayle Waite, Judith Fardig, Sally Small, Letty Champion, Roger Guillemette,

David Kirchner, Charlotte Taylor

Excused absences: Dory Wagner, Robert Butler, Lee Teverow

Additional Attendees: Jacob Beach (intern)

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm by Chair Evelyn Wheeler

- Introduction of Members, including three new members (Richard Whitesell, Gayle Waite, and**

Charlotte Taylor) and one returning member (Edna Kent)

- Introduction of June 15, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

Correction to add Edna Kent to Additional Attendees section

Motion to accept minutes as amended by Henry Duquette with second by Judith Fardig

14-0 to accept

- Website Committee Report by Henry Duquette**

New commercial web host: Chris Congdon

Domain has been transferred to his company, and all the data has been loaded to his server

Next Steps:

- 1. Construct an administrative system for administrative updates**

- 2. Convert John Sterling's current database to a format that can be accessed on the web**

3. The new web host is willing to provide some services at no cost, but conversion of data may be outside that scope

4. Discussion regarding adding Veteran information

- Status of cemetery signs**

Have received 58 signs so far, and they are being stored at the Veterans Cemetery along with the posts

Received a new allocation of money, so members should continue to request signs as needed –

continue to focus on cemeteries near the road or in a potential development area

- GPS Update**

220 0 cemeteries are now marked

East Greenwich cemeteries still need to be done, Alan Clarke will assist

- Boy Scouts have been doing an incredible job cleaning up Mineral Spring Cemetery in Pawtucket**

They have uncovered 150 stones, and more than 300 stones have been reset

Additional volunteers have helped with repair work around the cemetery as well

A rededication ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, November 12th at 10:30 am

- Barrington Boy Scouts, Troop 2, identified a Veteran burial who has no marker; discussion**

regarding the number of Veterans who do not have markers; only family can request a marker

- **Status of the Veterans Cards:** The entire collection was comprised of about 40,000 cards, all of which have been photographed and entered into Excel spreadsheets. Henry Duquette and Evelyn Wheeler are going through them again checking for errors, etc... The hope is that the information can be published so that it can be available to everyone, and possibly a copy can be stored at the Archives as well;

- Sally Small announced that FEMA does have some funds available for non-profits sustaining damage due to recent storm, and cemeteries may qualify (such as Prince's Hill where a huge tree fell: <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/pa/forms.shtm> FF90-49 (Request for Public Assistance))

- Peggie Malcolm updated the Commission on the airport expansion project, noting that a decision has not been made as to what they are going to do, but a decision should be made by mid-October; PAL is trying to locate descendants of the delineated cemetery burials

- **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair**

Judith Fardig and Richard Whitesell nominated Peggie Malcolm for Chair

13 – 0 to approve (with Pegée Malcolm abstaining)

Pegée Malcolm and Judith Fardig nominated Henry Duquette for Vice-Chair

13 – 0 to approve (with Henry Duquette abstaining)

• Introduction of new Secretary: Maureen Buffi

Meeting adjourned 8:36 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Emily Corbett, Outgoing Secretary

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